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INDIANAPOLIS RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 110 MONTHS AFTER GUILTY PLEA TO BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHARLES T. DUNSON, 27, Indianapolis, was sentenced yesterday to 110 months imprisonment by U.S. Court of Appeals Judge John D. Tinder, sitting by designation in the U.S. District Court. DUNSON pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a person previously convicted of a felony. This prosecution followed an investigation by the then Indianapolis Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and is part of the PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS initiative.

On August 23, 2006, an Indianapolis Police officer responded to a dispatch from a 911 call. The caller told the dispatcher that a man was asleep behind the wheel of a car parked on the street in the 2700 block of North Highland Place. The caller further stated that this man had a pistol in his hand. The responding police officer approached the car, saw CHARLES T. DUNSON apparently asleep behind the wheel, and removed a loaded 9mm handgun from DUNSON's hand. A bag containing .5 grams of heroin was also in DUNSON's possession. DUNSON was previously convicted of Carrying a Handgun Without a License, a Class C Felony, in 2000 in Marion County, Indiana.

Judge Tinder also imposed 3 years supervised release on DUNSON after he completes his prison sentence. While on supervised release, DUNSON must undergo drug abuse treatment and submit to law enforcement searches. DUNSON has remained in custody since his August 23, 2006 arrest.

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